

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1 - 2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable information storage medium storing program instructions to cause a processor to execute a method for playing having a recording region of audio information and image information, wherein the medium comprising:

a data area configured to store the audio information and the image information;
and

a management area configured to store management information of the audio information and the image information, the management information including sub-management information containing first sub-management information and second sub-management information, wherein

the first sub-management information includes sequence information regarding a display sequence of still images of the image information and timing information regarding a display timing of the still images, and

the second sub-management information includes numeral information describing a number status of the still images.

~~said information storage medium adopts a first playback unit for playing back the audio information and a second playback unit having a fineness being equal to or more fine than a fineness of the first playback unit,~~

~~the first playback unit is formed of one or more second playback units, one or more pieces of management information each pertaining to the second playback unit are recorded, and~~

~~display mode information indicating a display method of the image information is described in a default play list that defines, in advance, a playback order or playback sequence of one or more first playback units, as attribute information of each first playback unit.~~

4 - 20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for playing back audio information from a computer-readable information storage medium storing program instructions to cause a processor to execute a method for playing audio information and image information, wherein the medium comprises a data area configured to store the audio information and the image information, and a management area configured to store management information of the audio information and the image information, the management information including sub-management information including first sub-management information and second sub-management information; wherein the first sub-management information includes sequence information regarding a display sequence of still images of the image information and timing information regarding a

display timing of the still images, and the second sub-management information includes numeral information describing a number status of the still images, an information storage medium having a recording region of the audio information and image information, wherein said information storage medium adopts a first playback unit for playing back the audio information and a second playback unit having a fineness being equal to or more fine than a fineness of the first playback unit, the first playback unit is formed of one or more second playback units, and display mode information indicating a display method of the image information is described as attribute information in a portion of information that pertains to the second playback unit, wherein said attribute information includes a display timing mode, and said display method includes display timing of the image information, the apparatus comprising:

a management reproducer configured to reproduce the management information;
an audio reproducer configured to reproduce the audio information; and
an image reproducer configured to reproduce the image information.

22. (Currently Amended) A method of recording ~~the audio~~ information on ~~the medium of claim 3~~ a computer-readable information storage medium storing program instructions to cause a processor to execute a method for playing audio information and image information, wherein the computer-readable information storage medium comprises a data area configured to store the audio information and the image information, and a management area configured to store management information of the audio information and the image information, the management information including

sub-management information containing first sub-management information and second sub-management information, wherein

the first sub-management information includes sequence information regarding a display sequence of still images of the image information and timing information regarding a display timing of the still images, and

the second sub-management information includes numeral information describing a number status of the still images, the method comprising:
recording the audio information and the image information on the data area; and
recording the management information on the management area.

23. (Currently Amended) A method of playing back the audio
reproducing information on the medium of claim 3 from a computer-readable information storage medium storing program instructions to cause a processor to execute a method for playing audio information and image information, wherein the computer-readable information storage medium comprises a data area configured to store the audio information and the image information, and a management area configured to store management information of the audio information and the image information, the management information including sub-management information containing first sub-management information and second sub-management information, wherein
the first sub-management information includes sequence information regarding a display sequence of still images of the image information and timing information regarding a display timing of the still images, and

the second sub-management information includes numeral information
describing a number status of the still images, the method comprising:
reproducing the management information from the management area; and
reproducing the audio information and the image information from the data area.

24. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for recording the audio information on the medium of claim 3 a computer-readable information storage medium storing program instructions to cause a processor to execute a method for playing audio information and image information, wherein the computer-readable information storage medium comprises a data area configured to store the audio information and the image information, and a management area configured to store management information of the audio information and the image information, the management information including sub-management information containing first sub-management information and second sub-management information, wherein

the first sub-management information includes sequence information regarding a display sequence of still images of the image information and timing information regarding a display timing of the still images, and

the second sub-management information includes numeral information
describing a number status of the still images, the apparatus comprising:
a first recorder configured to record the audio information and the image information on the data area; and
a second recorder configured to record the management information on the management area.

25. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for playing back audio information from a computer-readable information storage medium storing program instructions to cause a processor to execute a method for playing audio information and image information, wherein the computer-readable information storage medium comprises a data area configured to store the audio information and the image information, and a management area configured to store management information of the audio information and the image information, the management information including sub-management information containing first sub-management information and second sub-management information, wherein

the first sub-management information includes sequence information regarding a display sequence of still images of the image information and timing information regarding a display timing of the still images, and

the second sub-management information includes numeral information describing a number status of the still images, an information storage medium having a recording region of the audio information and image information, wherein said information storage medium adopts a first playback unit for playing back the audio information and a second playback unit having a fineness being equal to or more fine than a fineness of the first playback unit, the first playback unit is formed of one or more second playback units, one or more pieces of management information each pertaining to the second playback unit are recorded, and display mode information indicating a display method of the image information is described in a default play list that defines, in advance, a playback order or playback sequence of one or more first playback units, as attribute information of each first playback unit, the apparatus comprising:

a management reproducer configured to reproduce the management information;
an audio reproducer configured to reproduce the audio information; [[and]]
an image reproducer configured to reproduce the image information[[.]]; and
an image display configured to display an image of the image information
reproduced by the image reproducer.

26 -28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for playing back audio information from a computer-readable information storage medium storing program instructions to cause a processor to execute a method for playing audio information and image information, wherein the computer-readable information storage medium comprises a data area configured to store the audio information and the image information, and a management area configured to store management information of the audio information and the image information, the management information including sub-management information containing first sub-management information and second sub-management information, wherein

the first sub-management information includes sequence information regarding a display sequence of still images of the image information and timing information regarding a display timing of the still images, and

the second sub-management information includes numeral information describing a number status of the still images, an information storage medium having a recording region of the audio information and image information, wherein said

~~information storage medium adopts a first playback unit for playing back the audio information and a second playback unit having a fineness being equal to or more fine than a fineness of the first playback unit, the first playback unit is formed of one or more second playback units, one or more pieces of management information each pertaining to the second playback unit are recorded, and display mode information indicating a display method of the image information is described in a play list in which a playback order or playback sequence of one or more first playback units is arbitrarily defined, as attribute information of each first playback unit, the apparatus comprising:~~

a management reproducer configured to reproduce the management information;
an audio reproducer configured to reproduce the audio information; and
an image reproducer configured to reproduce the image information, wherein
said computer-readable information storage medium is a memory card.